

## SYNOPSIS

*The Red Badge of Courage* is a story about a youth who was enlisted with the wrong conceptions of the real battle. He desire to become a war hero based on his ideal that comes from the book. In his impatience waiting of the upcoming battle, his doubt arose and he starts musing about his upcoming act. It was when a veteran told him to do his share of battle and stop thinking about anything else. When the moment that he was waiting for happened, Henry become confused. Witnessing such a cruel scene in the battlefield, Henry chooses to fall back.

Henry heard that his regiment was somehow able to hit the enemy forces. When he was about to calm, someone yelled that the war is about to begin immediately. Ironically, this time he was fled from the battlefield. He managed to observe that there were many soldier wounded. Henry was getting an opportunity to chat with one of the wounded soldier. But when he asks whether Henry was wounded, Henry suddenly panic and avoiding him.

Joining the other soldiers, Henry was meet Jim Conklin. It appears that Jim was dying, and Henry was unable to accept the fact his friend is going to die. The wounded soldier repeats his question when Jim was finally dead, and Henry repeats his action as the fact that he is unwounded.

In his grief, Henry blames himself for he has no courage to face his duty. Suddenly there was a noise in the battlefield, and the army start to pull back. Trying to understand the situation, Henry asks some rushing retreating soldier. One of them was too panicked, hitting his head with the reverse side of the rifle.

Injured, Henry meet an unknown cheery soldier who was kindly accompany to his original regiment camp. It was Wilson and Simpson who was giving him medical treatment. They thought Henry was wounded in the battlefield.

When his regiment is about to move, Wilson asks Henry to return the letter that he was given before the first battle occur. He was afraid that he was going to die, so that his letter was addressed to his family. Henry becomes aware that he is not the only one who has a musing thought toward war. With such thought, Henry was able to grasp the strength, courage and confidence to face the enemy.

Henry has managed to convert his fear into courage to strike back in the next battle. He become a war hero, who was able to lead his regiment achieve victory. He has developed from an inexperience soldier into an experienced one.